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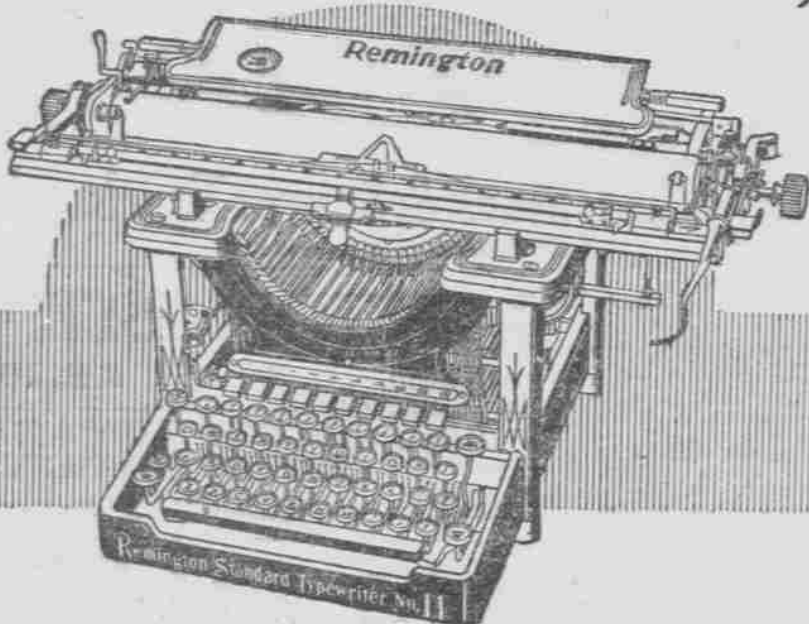
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### AMERICAN LEADS IN BALLOON RACE

Paris, France, Oct. 15.—Seventeen of the 18 balloons which started from Paris Sunday afternoon in the international race for the James Gordon Bennett cup, have landed. The Goodyear, piloted by the American, Ralph Upton, has covered the longest distance. The Goodyear landed at Bridlington, England, having crossed the English channel. The distance between Paris and Bridlington is a straight line is more than 400 miles. Upton claims to have covered 550 miles in 42 hours. The second American balloon, the Uncle Sam, piloted by Capt. Honeywell, landed at Cordemais, France, 261 miles from Paris. The only balloon not yet reported is the Austrian Frankfurt, piloted by Lehnert.

**FRANK FOWLER, OF EL PASO, WINS FIGHT IN DENVER.**

Denver, Colo., Oct. 15.—Frank Fowler, of El Paso, was given a decision over Charley Wells, of Cincinnati, at the conclusion of their 16-round bout, before the Colorado Athletic club last night. James Hanlon, of Denver, was given the decision over Chick O'Reilly, of Minneapolis, in their 16-round fight. None of the fighters displayed much ability.

**WOLGAST AND WHITE SIGN TO FIGHT AT MILWAUKEE.**

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 15.—Ad Wolgast and Charley White, of Chicago, lightweights, signed for a 16-round, no-decision boxing contest in Milwaukee on the night of Oct. 24. The boxers are to weigh not over 133 pounds at 6 o'clock on the evening of the bout.

**DILLON DEFEATS MONAGHAN.**

Akron, O., Oct. 15.—Jack Dillon, of Indianapolis, aspirant for the middleweight title, won the decision over Walter Monaghan, of Canton, in the fourth round of their scheduled 12-round match here last night. Monaghan's seconds throw the towel into the ring just before the close of the fourth round.

### Johnson Defeated In His First Game

Winner of Trophy in the American League Has Kalsomner Adversaries 44 Times in Seven Seasons—Pitcher Holds Great Strike-Out Record.

WALTER JOHNSON, who secured an automobile because a companion of newspaper men declared his services to his team of greater value than those of any other player in the American league, was not of voting age when he pitched his first game in fast company. He was born in Junction, Kan., on Nov. 6, 1887, and he made his debut in the American league on August 2, 1907, Detroit being the first team to get a chance to bat against the Idaho phenom. Johnson did not twist the Tiger's tail and neither did the Tigers claw him so that he had to seek medical aid. Johnson pitched eight innings against them, limiting the Jenningses to two runs and six hits. His discoverer, Cliff Blankenship, batted for him in the eighth and Tom Hughes finished up the game. Which was a Detroit victory, 2 to 2. Of the men who took part in the game in which Johnson made his debut, only Johnson himself, Tom Hughes, Sam Crawford and Ty Cobb remain in fast company.

**Makes Good in First Game.**

Though he lost his debut, Johnson had the satisfaction of knowing that his work had pleased manager Hugh Bennett. Walter was immediately considered one of the Washington pitchers and took his turn in the box along with Tom Hughes, Cy Falkenberg, Charlie Smith and Hank Gehring, since dead. Johnson, in the fall of 1907, was never again humiliated by any of his opponents and most of the games he dropped were by low scores. Going up against the St. Louis Browns for the first time, he was returned a loser, 1 to 6. Barney Pelly pitching against him. The first time Johnson pitched against the Athletics he dropped his battle, 3 to 2, Eddie Plank opposing him.

**Blows the Highlanders.**

Johnson's New York debut was accomplished on September 12, 1907. Then he blanked the Highlanders, which ever since has been one of his favorite occupations, 2 to 0. He was particularly active in using the brush on the regular twirlers they faced in their own league. And it proved that the strength of their pitching staff, the main cog of the defense, had been overestimated. It sailed along through the old major without trouble, but when against such an attack as the Mackmen it cracked.

**Plank Best Pitcher.**

There is no question but what the best club won the Mack series, brilliant fielders and it proved in the series that he had the pitchers. There was a lot of fodder ground out of the press mill before the battle that Plank had gone to pieces in the last month of the regular season and would finally be no more than a shadow of the great game of the series, holding the Giants to two hits, which were made by the battery and all the real McGraw hitters were absolutely helpless before his delivery. Bender won two games, Bush one and Plank one. The fifth went ten rounds with Plank losing to Mathewson and a defeat in that battle for the Gettysburg veteran was by no means a disgrace. He pitched by far the best ball of the series.

**Still the "Old Master."**

There is one man on the New York club who deserves all the credit that may be given to a single athlete in a world series. He is Christy Mathewson, the veteran flinger of the McGraw machine.

Except for the "old master," the Athletics might have beaten the Giants in all three of the world's series between the two clubs. They did win two of them and in these it was Mathewson alone who was able to beat them. All the other Giant pitchers failed.

In 1905 Mathewson was the hero of the series, winning three of the four games captured by the Giants, while McGinnity won the fourth and "Chief" Bender won the only game for the Athletics.

**Deserves Another Chance.**

Carl Morris being disqualified in the fifth round of his fight with Gunboat Smith in New York, likely will result in another meeting between the pair. Morris was accused of holding and hitting low. From the beginning of his career he had one very noticeable fault—holding. He is a big, long-armed giant and is likely to hit low in swinging his uppercut. However, the indications are that the fouls were far from intentional and not particularly bad, because the boxing followers of New York bled the verdict and cheered Morris as he left the ring. Boxing followers never cheer a foul fighter. Foul fighting will cause them to turn against a boxer more than any other one thing.

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A number of hunters are in Hay canyon, waiting to get back. R. Hyatt and his party's mule got crippled and they are trying to purchase a horse to haul them back to Artesia.

An entertainment will be given by the school students Friday.

Three threshers are in the field here,

and Jesse Tanghill both found they had sore arms and Bert Keely was felled by tonsillitis. Johnson, undoubtedly would have pitched all four games of that series had he not been hit in the groin with a pitched ball while he was whitewashing the New Yorks for the third successive time.

**Is Classy Kalsomner.**

As a kalsomner Johnson is in a class by himself. No major league pitcher ever has kept his adversaries away from the plate 44 times in his first seven seasons. This is Johnson's achievement from 1907 to 1912 inclusive, and in 1907 it must be taken into consideration that he was with the Senators only one-third of the campaign. The trophy winner has pitched 11 shutout games this year, previously having 33 such events to his credit. Johnson has whitewashed New York 11 times; Cleveland six times; Philadelphia six times; St. Louis six times; Boston five times; Chicago five times and Detroit five times.

**Fans 313 in 42 Games.**

Johnson has specialized in strikeouts as well as in shutouts. His greatest year for whiffing men was in 1910, when he claimed 213 victims in about 42 full games. Last year, in 303 innings he struck out 303 men; this year, in 324 innings, he has fanned 287 athletes. Johnson's best achievement in strikeouts in a nine-inning game took place on August 31, 1910, when he fanned 14 of the St. Louis Browns. This year he retired 16 of the Planters on strikes in 11 and two-thirds innings, the date he turned the trick being July 25. On July 12, 1910, Johnson made 13 of the Browns hit nothing but air in a game that was only eight innings long.

**Limits Number of Hits.**

Johnson never has been able to pitch a no hit game in fast company, but he thrice has almost turned the trick. In the opening game of the campaign in 1910 he limited the Athletics to one safety, made by J. Franklin Baker, and that same season he confined the Browns to a single hit, poled by Arthur Truesdale. On June 16 this year Detroit only was able to obtain one hit off the man whom the trophy commissioners have named as the player who did more for his team than anyone else.

Johnson lost only seven games this year, the men who have vanquished him being Ray Collins of Boston, twice (each time by the score of 1 to 0), Bill Steen and Vean Gregg, of Cleveland, and George Bush, of the Carrols of the Athletics.

The average number of runs obtained off Johnson this year per game is 1.4; average number of hits, 5.8.

In the last series Mathewson won the only game for New York, 2 to 0, beating Eddie Plank, who later walked the "old master" 3 to 1.

Now that the series is over the Athletics likely are not sorry that "Matty" won one game. He has spent 12 years in the major leagues and by doing such excellent work in the series he deserves a victory. He certainly is a long ways from the lane leading back to the minors.

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